3. The efforts be made for proper cataloguing of all available unpublished manuscripts now lying in dumps within Satras and getting deteriorated due to lack of scientific knowledge.

4. The building which are more than 100 years old shall be got declared as heritage buildings and immediate action deserves to be taken to save them for posterity.

5. Flood Control measures to be taken up as a challenge instead of surrendering to the vagaries of nature by simple words "natural calamities".

According to the recommendations of the expert nominated by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Majuli Island, no doubt, is a special physiographical site where a five centuries old cultural tradition co-exist with Nature.

The special features of Majuli, as per the Report, are:

1. Majuli is probably the biggest river island in the World.

2. Majuli. is probably the largest riverine delta system in the World. The listing Majuli Island in the World Heritage List would be subject to it meeting the criteria laid by the UNESCO Convention on World Heritatge Site and it being accepted by the Committee set up under the Convention.

Implementation of Haksar Committee Recommendations

2902. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 145, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th June, 1998 and state:

(a) whether the Lilit kala Academy was taken over in the wake of their commitment regarding implementation of Haksar Committee Recommendations;

(b) if so, why Government have gone against their words and instead of implementing these recommendations, decided to implement recommendations of Lalit Kala Academy Administrator; and

(c) were the recommendations of Lalit Kala Academy Administrator formulated after as wide consultations as that of Haksar Committee?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A number of complaints of mismanagement, irregularities, misuse of funds, favoritism, etc. by the then management of the Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) were brought to the notice of the Government. The Government inquired into these allegations which revealed a number of irregularities. Based on the findings of the inquiry and special audit, the management of the Lalit Kala Akademi was taken over in the public interest. One of the incidental reasons for take over was also the resistence of the then Management of the Akademi in implementing the recommendations of the Haksar Committee.

(b) Government has approved amendments to Memorandum of Association (MOA) of Lalit Kala Akademi broadly on the lines of the Haksar Committee recommendations with a view to ensuring balance between autonomy and public accountability.

(c) The recommendations of the Administrator-Lalit Kala Akademi were based on wide ranging consultations with artists as well as the Advisory Committee of the Lalit Kala Akademi.

Provision of Sepcial Dispensation Admissions

2903. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have gone in Appeal to Supreme Court challenging